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GOV/USAO/KYW FAX: (502) 582-5097 ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR BOWLING GREEN MAN

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- New cocaine count for man previously facing cocaine charges

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BOWLING GREEN, KY - A federal grand jury in Bowling Green returned a superseding indictment adding one count of possession, with intent to distribute, cocaine to the previous indictment of **Martez Devon Mitchell**, age 22, of Bowling Green, Warren County, Kentucky, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky announced today.

Mitchell was previously indicted on September 13, 2006, on charges that from in or about and between July 2005 and November 7, 2005, in Warren County, Kentucky, he conspired with Amil Telalovic, Sam Chou, and others, to knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute and to distribute cocaine and 5 grams or more of crack cocaine, worth at least \$500 on the street. Mitchell was also charged with knowingly and intentionally possessing with the intent to distribute and distributing cocaine and crack cocaine on or about October 14, 2005, March 9, and March 23, 2006 in Warren County. Telalovic and Chou both pled guilty to similar charges, and Telalovic was sentenced to seven years and three months imprisonment and Chou was sentenced to five years and ten months imprisonment.

In the event of a conviction, the maximum potential penalties are 40 years imprisonment, a \$2,000,000.00 fine, and supervised release for a period of 4 years; and the minimum potential penalties are 5 years imprisonment, a \$2,000,000.00 fine, and supervised release for a period of 4

years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mac Shannon, and it was investigated by the Bowling Green Drug Task Force.

Mitchell is scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on September 26, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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